

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 25, 2011, the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the East Poland post office located in East Poland, Maine. The first petition for review was filed by Carl E. Duchette. The second petition for review was filed by the Concerned Citizens of East Poland. The earliest postmark date is October 14, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than November 9, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: November 2, 2011

Attachment

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# Duchette Insurance Agency, Inc.

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Office of PAGR

Dear Postal Regulatory Commission,

I am writing to appeal the decision to close the East Poland ME Post Office. This office is very valuable to our business. We regularly use express mail to forward securities transactions. It is very common to receive checks after 4:00 PM and to forward them in the same day. The East Poland Post Office is open to receive Express Mail right up until the last minute every day. Losing this service will be disruptive to our business and our clients. I was told at the public hearing that I could go to Auburn because they are open until 5:00 PM. This sounds good except when checks are received after 4:00 PM, it takes about 40 minutes to process the transaction, and we then have to package and run for the post office. There simply is not enough time to process the transaction in our office and make it to Auburn before 5:00 PM.

Duchette Insurance Agency agents process health insurance applications. We regularly use the Express Mail option to put coverage in-force the next day. All insurers require applications to be in hand with payment to bind coverage. Losing the last minute service will cause some clients to have their coverage delayed by an additional day or possibly three days for applications received after 4:00 on Thursdays.

In your determination letter, you cited a few very small businesses served by this office. Our company was not even mentioned, not that that matters; however we are by far one of the highest volume mail recipients. We also know of another business that mails packages by the dozens that was not mentioned.

On a personal note, I find the proposed closure to be an assault on rural America. Our towns are defined by the names of our areas. East Poland is a special place where my family has lived for over 100 years. To regulate it away will be a sad day in East Poland.

I respectfully ask that you do not close the East Poland Post office.

Sincerely,



Carl E. Duchette is a Registered Representative Offering Securities Through United Planners Financial Services  
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Office of PAGR

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close our post office by 11/06/2011. This action is being taken after meeting the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 and over our protestations.

We, the customers of East Poland Post Office, vigorously protest this action in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

The Postal Service's decision to close our post office and provide rural delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in noncareer employees handling the mail. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and CODs.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to additional considerations to our service needs.

Respectfully,

Printed Name

Signature

Physical Address

1. Carl E Duchette Carl E. Duchette
2. Cheryl A. Duchette Cheryl A. Duchette
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